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MIDWEST LIVESTOCK REVIEW and RANGE AND FEEDLOT SALES

Cattle receipts at the 12 markets were slightly less than the previous week, but continued about normal for the season of year at 269,000 head. Early price declines on slaughter steers and heifers were more than recovered on the close at most midwest terminals under the influence of more moderate marketings after Monday and a stronger trend in the dressed trade. Slaughter steers and heifers closed generally steady to 25¢ higher. Cows sold steady to 50¢ lower. Stockers and feeders were mostly steady. Barrows and gilts closed 50¢-\$1.25 higher with rather sharp advances late in the week pushing prices to the highest levels since mid-August. Spring slaughter lambs sold strong to 50¢ higher, instances \$1.00 up.

SLAUGHTER CATTLE AND CALVES - Distribution of receipts and religious holidays during the week played an important role in the slaughter steer and heifer trade at major midwest terminals. Supplies were only slightly reduced from the previous week when cattle receipts were the largest since October, 1959. However, better than 50 percent of the week's total arrived on Monday and this together with the bearish influence of lower wholesale carcass beef prices and two non-koshering days the latter part of the week prompted a lower trend. This trend was reversed by midweek at several points as prices responded to more moderate offerings after Monday and a strong trend on carcass beef which recovered much of the early declines. Slaughter steers and heifers sold steady to 25¢ higher at most markets with steers at Chicago strong to fully 50¢ higher. However, St. Joseph, Kansas City and St. Louis closed steady to 50¢ lower. Cows sold steady to 50¢ lower responding to declines in the carcass trade. Bulls were mostly steady although Chicago showed a 50¢-\$1.00 lower trend. Vealers sold \$1.00-3.00 lower at St. Louis and St. Paul. Slaughter steers and heifers continued to form the bulk of the receipts but several terminals received from 30-50 percent stockers and feeders. Good to average-Choice grades predominated in the slaughter steer and heifer supply with only Chicago receiving any sizable number of Prime.

Several loads of Prime 1175-1325# slaughter steers brought \$26.75-27.25 in Chicago where load-lots mixed Choice and Prime steers bulked at \$24.75-26.50 with a few loads over 1400# \$24.00. At other points high-Choice and mixed Choice and Prime steers sold at \$24.50-25.25. High-Good and Choice steers brought \$23.00-25.25 with a few loads Choice 1000-1200# included from \$25.00-25.25 at some terminals. Good steers bulked at \$21.50-23.50 while Standard and low-Good sold from \$18.00-22.00. Mixed Choice and Prime slaughter heifers moved from \$23.75-24.60. Choice heifers brought \$22.50-24.00 and most Good sold

from \$20.00-22.50. Utility and Commercial cows sold at \$13.50-16.00, Cannerns and Cutters at \$12.00-14.50.

STOCKER AND FEEDER CATTLE AND CALVES -

With the fall movement of stocker and feeder cattle now well under way, supplies at midwest terminal markets continued seasonally large. High-Good and Choice 550-950# yearling and two-year-old steers made up a relatively large percentage of supplies, but Medium to average-Good grades continued to be well represented number-wise. Three-year-old steers of Good and Choice grades were rather scarce. Price trends and degree of trading activity varied considerably during the week. For the most part price levels showed little net change from the previous week, but at several markets early week trading was fairly active at steady to stronger prices while at the close trading in general was slow, steady to easier, instances fully 50¢ lower.

Several loads Choice 550-650# stock steers brought \$26.25-26.50; majority Good and Choice 525-700# \$22.00-26.00, few Good \$21.00. Two loads Choice 707# brought \$26.00 and two loads Choice 770# \$25.50. However, not many above 725# exceeded \$25.00. Medium and low-Good stocker steers ranged from \$18.00-22.50. A few loads Choice 800-850# feeder steers brought \$24.00, bulk Good and Choice 800-1050# \$20.50-23.50. At Omaha a shipment Good and Choice 1150# cashed at \$20.50. Medium and low-Good feeder steers sold from \$18.00-21.00 and at Oklahoma City some Medium brought \$16.50. Good and Choice yearling heifers brought \$19.50-23.50. Not many exceeded \$23.00, but one shipment Choice 591# heifers reached \$24.00. Good and Choice stock steer calves sold from \$22.00-28.00, majority \$23.50-27.00. Same grades heifer calves ranged from \$20.00-25.00, two loads Choice 259-325# \$26.25-26.50.

HOGS - Terminal Markets - Hog receipts at the 12 markets were only slightly less than the previous week, but dropped 19 percent under the corresponding week a year ago. Bulk of the supply again was comprised of mixed U.S. No. 1-3 and lots No. 2-3 190-250# barrows and gilts with sows making up from 7 - 17 percent at the various centers. The average weight of barrows and gilts at the 8 markets was 233#, unchanged from the previous week, but 4# above the corresponding week last year. Sharply higher prices featured the week's hog market with the advance pushing prices to the highest levels since mid-August. Most of the upturn was recorded late in the period under the influence of a broad shipper demand and higher prices on the dressed product. On Friday, prices on barrows and gilts were largely 50¢-\$1.25 higher than the previous week's close. The upturn at Chicago measured \$1.00-

1.25 and was the greatest advance for any one week there in over a year. Sows finished 25¢-\$1.00 higher.

On the close U. S. No. 1-2, and at some points uniform mixed U. S. 1-3, 190-250# barrows and gilts sold at \$17.25-18.00, most sales \$17.50-17.85. Mixed U. S. 1-3, and U. S. 2-3, 180-270# offerings brought \$16.50-17.75, largely \$17.00-17.75. U. S. 1-3, 270-600# sows sold at mainly \$13.50-15.75, with some U. S. 1-2, 250-330# \$16.00-16.25.

Prices on feeder pigs advanced 50¢ at St. Paul and were 50¢-\$1.00 higher at Sioux City. Medium and Good, mostly Good, 130-170# sold late at Sioux City from \$15.00-15.50, few Choice \$16.00, while Good and Choice 130-160# feeders at St. Paul brought \$15.50-16.00.

HOGS - Interior Iowa-Southern Minnesota Area - Hog receipts were 6 percent more than the previous week, but 18 percent less than the corresponding week last year. A generally good daily demand, met by only moderate supplies, prompted higher prices for the period with most of the advance recorded from midweek on. Barrows and gilts closed 75¢-\$1.00 higher. Sows 270-330# were 35-50¢ higher while heavier sows sold 50-75¢ higher. Mixed U. S. No. 1-3 200-240# barrows and gilts sold on the close at \$16.00-16.75 with limited number mostly No. 1 selected lots \$16.75-17.00. No. 1-3 sows 270-400# brought \$14.00-15.75, 400-550# mostly No. 2-3 \$12.35-14.50.

SHEEP AND LAMBS - Sheep and lamb receipts at the 12 markets were 32 percent less than the rather large marketings a week earlier and 20 percent below a year ago. The supply was predominately woolled spring slaughter lambs. Feeder lambs accounted for 25-40 percent of the lamb marketings. Fairly good demand, against sharply reduced numbers on offer, served to strengthen prices at most terminals. Price advances were made in the live trade despite downturns on the dressed product. Spring slaughter lambs closed strong to 50¢ higher and instances \$1.00 up. Slaughter ewes sold uneven, but mainly steady with instances 25¢ higher. Feeder lambs were steady to 50¢ lower, instances \$1.00 off at Fort Worth and Kansas City, but steady to 25¢ higher at Denver.

Late in the week, Choice and Prime 85-111# spring slaughter lambs, including limited numbers of shorn lambs with No. 1-2 pelts, sold from \$17.00-18.50, largely \$17.50-18.50; sales at a few markets reached \$19.00-19.25, the latter price at Denver. Good and Choice brought \$15.50-18.00, mainly \$16.00-17.50; Utility and Good \$12.00-16.00. A few shipments of Good and Choice shorn slaughter yearlings with No. 1 and fall shorn pelts brought \$12.00-16.00. Cull to Choice shorn slaughter ewes moved at \$2.00-5.00 and few at \$5.25.

Good and Choice 50-85# spring feeder lambs brought \$15.00-17.50 with western feeders at

\$16.00-17.50. An 8-load-string of Choice 66# Wyoming feeders reached \$18.00 and 4 loads averaging 62# \$18.50 at Omaha. Medium and Good feeders sold at \$12.00-16.00, Common and Medium \$10.00-12.00. A few shipments of Good solid mouth breeding ewes brought \$7.50-12.00 per head, while a few short-term ewes went out at \$4.00-8.00.

Interior Iowa-Southern Minnesota area receipts were 4 percent more than the previous week, and 2 percent less than a year ago. Spring slaughter lambs were strong to 50¢ higher, instances \$1.00 up with the advance confined mainly to lambs grading Choice and Prime. Slaughter ewes were steady to weak. On Friday, Choice and Prime 80-105# spring slaughter lambs delivered to packing plants sold from \$17.00-18.00, few Choice and Prime reached \$18.50 in one section; Good and Choice \$15.50-17.50. Cull to Choice shorn slaughter ewes brought \$2.00-4.00.

RANGE AND FEEDLOT SALES

Note: Shrink on most range and feedlot sales none to 5 percent, mostly 4 percent f.o.b. some with short haul and 3 percent shrink. All sales for immediate delivery unless specified.

ARIZONA, CALIFORNIA, NEVADA, AND UTAH - Direct trade on slaughter steers and heifers was generally steady to 50¢ lower, except in Arizona where heifers were fully steady. Stocker and feeder cattle and calves were poorly tested, limited transactions steady. Slaughter spring lambs sold mostly steady. Slaughter steers: In California, 6 loads uniformly Choice 950-1025# \$24.75-25.00; bulk mostly Choice 900-1100# in California and Arizona \$23.40-24.50; Good and Choice 900-1350# \$22.50-23.75, including mostly Choice 1250-1350# at \$22.75 and average and high-Good 1050-1100# at \$22.50; Standard to mostly Good 800-1150# \$21.00-22.00; mostly Standard with end of low-Good 800-1100# \$19.00-20.75. Slaughter heifers: In Arizona, 4 loads high-Choice 825# \$25.00 and 13 loads mostly Choice 800-850# \$24.00; in California and Arizona, loadlots Good and Choice and mostly Choice 775-1100# \$22.00-23.75, including mostly Choice 1100# at \$22.00.

Stockers and feeders: Good and Choice mixed stock calves 350-485# \$23.00-24.00 on steers, and \$20.50-22.00 on heifers; 110 Good and Choice mixed 525# \$20.25; Good and Choice 650-750# feeder steers \$20.00-22.00, mostly \$21.00 up, heifers 550-650# \$19.00-20.00.

Lambs: In California, loadlots Choice and Prime shorn spring slaughter lambs with No. 1 to fall shorn pelts \$17.00-18.00; Choice and Prime woolled Utahs \$17.00; 1100 Good and Choice 75# Utah feeder lambs \$15.25.

COLORADO, SOUTHERN WYOMING, WESTERN NEBRASKA, AND WESTERN KANSAS - Direct trade on slaughter steers and heifers in Colorado was moderately active early in the week, but later

was slow. Slaughter steers sold unevenly, weights under 1150# closed steady to 25¢ lower, heavier steers strong to 50¢ higher. Slaughter heifers were steady to 25¢ lower. In Colorado, 37 loads average to high-Choice 1075-1300# slaughter steers \$24.50-25.25, 85 loads mostly Choice 975-1200# \$23.85-24.90, mostly \$24.00-24.75; 14 loads high-Good and Choice 1025-1175# \$23.00-23.75; 6 loads mostly Good 1050# \$21.75. Fifteen loads average to high-Choice 850-975# slaughter heifers \$24.35-25.25; 120 loads mostly Choice 875-1065# \$23.75-24.50; 9 loads average-Good to low-Choice 840-1025# \$22.00-23.75. In Nebraska, 11 loads Choice 1150-1175# slaughter steers \$23.75-23.85. Six loads Choice 900-950# heifers \$23.35-23.75. Kansas: 3 loads high-Good and Choice 1025# heifers \$22.00.

Demand for stockers and feeders was good with sales and contracts confirmed on 7,900 head at fully steady prices. Sandhills, Nebraska: Good to mostly Choice 650-825# feeder steers for late September-mid-October delivery \$23.40-25.00. Good and Choice 915-1025# two-year-old steers \$21.75-22.40. Good to mostly Choice feeder heifers \$21.75-23.00, with a few Choice and Fancy \$23.00-23.50. Three loads Choice and Fancy last-fall steer calves \$26.50 with same grade heifers \$24.50-25.00. Choice 375-425# steer calves, October delivery \$27.50-29.00, same grade 350-375# heifer calves \$25.00-27.00. Wyoming: Good and Choice 560-625# heifers \$21.00-22.00, few Good \$20.75. Colorado: Good and Choice 625-750# steers late September-October delivery \$22.50-23.25, with same grade 600-700# heifers \$21.25-22.00; 175 Choice 625-650# heifers \$22.50. Western Kansas: Eight loads Common and Medium 825-1000# steers \$17.00-18.00; 3 loads mostly Good 700# heifers \$21.00.

Demand for both feeder and slaughter lambs good, few sales 50-75¢ higher than last week's low close. Western Slope of Colorado, 40,000-45,000 lambs were sold or contracted. Choice and Prime 90-98# slaughter spring range lambs \$18.50-19.00, delivered and weighed at packing plant, with same grade lambs 90-104# weighing at West Slope points \$17.25-18.00. A few Choice 85-95# slaughter lambs \$16.25-17.00. Three decks Choice 70# feeder lambs \$17.00. In Colorado and Wyoming: Good and Choice 70-84# feeder lambs \$15.75-16.25.

NEW MEXICO, WEST TEXAS, WESTERN OKLAHOMA, SOUTHWESTERN KANSAS - Clovis Area - Slaughter steers and heifers steady. Trading on stockers and feeders slow, mostly steady, instances strong on stock calves. Three loads average Choice 1000# slaughter steers \$24.30; 12 loads Good and low-Choice 1025-1100# \$21.50-23.00; 2 loads Standard 1050-1100# \$19.00-20.50; 13 loads Good and Choice slaughter heifers 750-900# \$22.25-23.00. About 5000 Good and Choice 535-775# stocker and feeder steers \$21.50-23.50, Medium 675-750# \$18.00-19.75; 1,500 Good and Choice 625-675# heifers \$20.50-21.00. About 3,500 Good and Choice 400-500# stock calves, steers \$23.00-26.00, heifers \$21.00-24.00. Lambs 7,000 head; Good to

Prime 80-85# slaughter lambs \$15.00-15.50.

Amarillo Area - Slaughter steers and heifers steady to 25¢ lower; stockers and feeders steady to 50¢ lower. Twenty-three loads Good and Choice 1050-1174# slaughter steers \$22.00-23.50; 7 loads Choice 770-900# slaughter heifers \$23.00-23.25; 17 loads Good and Choice 650-975# \$22.00-22.50; 11 loads Good 700-900# \$19.00-21.00. Good and Choice 650-800# stocker and feeder steers \$21.00-23.25, Medium and Good 650-800# \$19.80-21.00; Good and Choice 600-750# heifers \$20.00-22.00. Good and Choice 360-541# stock calves, steers \$23.50-26.00, heifers \$22.00-24.00, Fancy 425-475# steer calves \$29.00.

IDAHO, OREGON AND WASHINGTON - Slaughter steers and heifers steady to 25¢ lower except heifers in Idaho 50¢-\$1.00 off. Stocker and feeder cattle and calves steady. Spring slaughter lambs weak to 50¢ lower.

Slaughter steers: Washington - Good and Choice 1000-1200# \$24.65-25.50. Idaho - Choice 1050-1160# \$24.00-24.75. Oregon - Mostly Choice 1075# \$25.00, Good and Choice 1120# \$23.75. Slaughter heifers: Washington and Idaho - Good to mostly Choice 800-950# \$21.50-23.50.

Stockers and feeders: Washington - Good to mostly Choice yearling steers \$22.60-22.90. Idaho and Oregon - Good and Choice 500-800# stocker and feeder steers \$21.30-23.10, Good and Choice 500-630# feeder heifers \$19.00-20.00. In Idaho Good and Choice stock calves, steers \$23.00, heifers \$20.50-21.00. In Oregon and Washington Good and Choice stock calves, steers \$24.00-25.00, heifers \$22.00-22.50.

In the 3 states, Choice and Prime spring slaughter lambs, including shorn offerings, brought \$16.00-18.00, those above \$16.50 on delivered basis.

MONTANA, NORTHERN WYOMING AND WESTERN DAKOTAS - Trading on slaughter cattle slow, stockers and feeders moderately active, about steady. Montana: 100 Choice 1080# slaughter steers \$23.00; 200 Good and Choice 1000# 2-year-old feeder steers \$21.00; 2,307 Good and Choice 650-775# yearling steers \$22.50-23.25; 375 Choice and Fancy 700-750# \$23.50; 1,336 Good and low-Choice 560-700# heifers \$20.50-21.00. Northern Wyoming: 100 Choice 560# heifers \$22.00.

Calves: Trading for stock calves rather slow, about steady. Confirmed 3,371, current to October 15 delivery. Montana: Good and Choice 375-455# steers \$24.00-26.00; Good and Choice heifers \$22.00-24.00. Northern Wyoming: 600 high-Choice 325-370# calves, steers \$27.00, heifers \$24.00-25.00.

Sheep and lambs: Trading slow, steady to weak. Montana and northern Wyoming: 11,300 Good and Choice around 70-85# feeder lambs \$15.00-15.60. Montana: About 5,000 Good to mostly Choice 85-95# with slaughter end \$16.00. Northern Wyoming: 4,200 mostly Choice, around 60-65# \$16.00-16.25.

WEEKLY RECEIPTS OF SALABLE LIVESTOCK AT 12 PUBLIC MARKETS

Market	Cattle		Calves		Hogs		Sheep and lambs	
	Sept. 24	Sept. 26	Sept. 24	Sept. 26	Sept. 24	Sept. 26	Sept. 24	Sept. 26
	1960	1959	1960	1959	1960	1959	1960	1959
Chicago	37,950	49,275	246	454	31,876	40,022	3,674	7,314
Cincinnati	4,258	5,234	757	774	9,981	13,604	1,653	2,264
Denver	15,314	19,442	339	1,114	3,829	3,930	37,664	44,400
Fort Worth	14,246	8,439	2,123	2,515	2,111	2,166	5,708	5,544
Indianapolis	8,768	9,449	764	1,113	34,217	40,201	4,629	5,176
Kansas City	26,577	33,168	1,765	2,462	14,415	15,758	2,672	4,181
Oklahoma City	14,515	15,025	2,783	2,045	3,349	4,406	1,026	1,242
Omaha	51,194	46,759	1,348	1,106	33,174	43,750	15,301	17,626
St. Joseph	17,246	15,736	1,244	770	21,545	25,317	4,208	4,544
St. Louis NSY	20,141	20,176	4,187	3,560	53,765	67,882	4,133	5,753
Sioux City	34,312	32,442	1,440	2,652	28,941	37,559	10,139	9,924
S. St. Paul	24,801	22,227	6,667	6,803	49,632	60,847	12,865	21,227
Total	269,322	277,372	23,663	25,368	286,835	355,442	103,672	129,195
" Sept. 17, 1960	274,248		23,200		315,960		153,155	

INTERIOR IOWA AND SOUTHERN MINNESOTA

	Sept. 24, 1960	Sept. 17, 1960	Sept. 26, 1959
Hogs	368,000	346,000	450,000
Sheep	29,900	28,700	30,500

STOCKER AND FEEDER CATTLE: AVERAGE COST, WEIGHT, AND NUMBER

	Week ended			Month		Two months	
	Sept. 22	Sept. 15	Sept. 24	Aug.	Aug.	July - Aug.	
	1960	1960	1959	1960	1959	1960	1959
Steers - 1001# up	925	761	1,016	1,996	4,226	2,945	6,060
901-1000	1,816	3,188	2,907	8,478	13,688	11,692	20,731
801-900	5,539	6,133	7,088	16,998	18,320	24,786	31,270
701-800	10,924	8,692	10,783	23,585	19,878	36,969	32,121
501-700	23,961	21,032	22,858	49,507	49,186	81,277	83,233
Total steers 10 markets	43,165	39,806	44,652	100,564	105,298	157,669	173,415
Av. wts. " " "	698#	712#	710#	711#	731#	703#	726#
Av. cost* " " "	\$21.57	\$21.58	\$25.93	\$21.20	\$26.25	\$21.36	\$26.44
" " " Chicago	20.87	22.71	27.10	23.02	26.49	23.20	26.94
" " " Kansas City	20.89	20.71	25.29	21.23	25.96	21.40	26.13
" " " Omaha	22.86	23.18	27.11	22.20	27.04	22.21	27.20
" " " S. St. Paul	22.00	21.33	25.21	19.93	23.79	20.38	24.44
" " " Sioux City	23.17	23.47	27.14	22.90	27.70	23.02	27.81
" " " Denver	22.74	22.58	26.88	21.78	26.39	22.08	26.27
" " " Ft. Worth	19.19	19.55	26.00	19.82	25.75	20.33	25.83
" " " Oklahoma City ...	18.93	19.49	24.44	19.79	25.60	20.09	25.86
" " " S. St. Joseph ...	20.74	20.60	24.89	20.73	25.76	20.94	26.04
" " " St. Louis NSY ...	20.51	20.22	24.72	20.61	25.92	21.20	25.84
Total calves - 10 markets	22,269	17,193	21,881	66,898	57,859	123,294	101,242
" heifers " "	7,467	7,305	9,759	18,162	21,089	27,606	34,034
" cows " "	785	753	1,023	3,573	2,553	5,714	5,098

* Not adjusted for differences in grade of cattle sold at each market.

ESTIMATED PERCENT OF STOCKER AND FEEDER CATTLE AND SLAUGHTER COWS IN SALABLE RECEIPTS

Week ended	Chicago	Kansas City	Omaha	S. St. Joseph	St. Louis NSY	Sioux City	S. St. Paul	Indianapolis	Denver	Ft. Worth	Okla. City	Wichita	San Antonio
Stockers and feeders													
Sept. 23, 1960	2	54	33	20	9	34	10	10	45	70	75	62	60
Sept. 16, 1960	2	55	22	22	8	28	10	12	22	70	80	56	60
Sept. 25, 1959	3	59	30	20	10	30	8	20	55	60	75	63	40
Slaughter cows													
Sept. 23, 1960	5	11	7	9	15	5	20	12	17	20	12	12	15
Sept. 16, 1960	5	9	8	8	11	7	15	10	25	25	12	18	15
Sept. 25, 1959	5	9	9	10	11	6	25	12	20	30	11	14	15

STEERS SOLD OUT OF FIRST HANDS FOR SLAUGHTER 1/								
Grade	Number of head		Percent of total by grades		Average weight (pounds)		Average price in dollars per 100 lb.	
	Week ended							
	Sept. 22 1960	Sept. 24 1959	Sept. 22 1960	Sept. 24 1959	Sept. 22 1960	Sept. 24 1959	Sept. 22 1960	Sept. 24 1959
CHICAGO								
Prime.....	2,100	3,816	8.2	11.0	1,212	1,246	25.77	28.88
Choice.....	17,667	21,886	69.2	63.2	1,149	1,189	24.56	27.65
Good.....	5,205	7,984	20.4	23.1	1,050	1,083	23.22	26.48
Standard.....	407	821	1.6	2.4	979	998	21.39	24.68
Commercial.....	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Utility.....	159	92	.6	.3	926	1,091	19.80	22.90
All grades.....	25,538	34,599			1,130	1,166	24.35	27.47
OMAHA								
Prime.....	225	33	1.2	.2	1,191	1,299	24.96	28.34
Choice.....	10,394	7,305	56.9	47.6	1,143	1,146	23.68	27.00
Good.....	6,684	7,326	36.6	47.7	1,067	1,064	22.31	25.59
Standard.....	863	596	4.7	3.9	1,031	1,074	19.85	23.54
Utility.....	98	85	.6	.6	947	1,006	17.99	22.18
All grades.....	18,264	15,345			1,109	1,104	23.02	26.20
SIOUX CITY								
Prime.....	34	270	.3	2.5	1,215	1,304	25.08	28.34
Choice.....	6,905	6,296	65.5	58.0	1,137	1,138	23.79	26.96
Good.....	2,851	3,549	27.0	32.7	1,061	1,058	22.48	25.54
Standard.....	703	655	6.7	6.0	1,031	1,077	20.05	23.63
Utility.....	50	80	.5	.8	955	1,005	18.13	21.96
All grades.....	10,543	10,860			1,109	1,110	23.20	26.33
KANSAS CITY								
Prime.....	--	35	--	.6	--	1,063	--	28.50
Choice.....	2,657	2,690	50.1	45.6	1,125	1,138	24.02	27.34
Good.....	2,144	2,758	40.5	46.8	1,092	1,078	22.40	25.52
Standard.....	411	334	7.8	5.7	1,086	1,065	20.18	23.64
Commercial.....	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Utility.....	87	79	1.6	1.3	994	1,057	17.33	21.28
All grades.....	5,299	5,896			1,106	1,104	22.98	26.24
ST. LOUIS NSY								
Prime.....	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Choice.....	1,300	868	21.4	14.1	1,068	1,072	24.48	27.53
Good.....	3,877	4,232	63.9	68.8	1,033	1,051	23.11	26.00
Standard.....	705	608	11.6	9.9	953	963	20.35	23.46
Commercial.....	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Utility.....	186	445	3.1	7.2	896	925	17.66	21.22
All grades.....	6,068	6,153			1,027	1,036	22.97	25.68
S. ST. JOSEPH								
Prime.....	--	58	--	.9	--	1,282	--	28.33
Choice.....	2,437	4,027	36.7	59.6	1,114	1,115	24.00	26.68
Good.....	3,853	2,381	58.0	35.2	1,100	1,051	22.62	25.19
Standard.....	348	275	5.3	4.1	1,064	1,060	19.77	23.07
Utility.....	--	17	--	.2	--	1,030	--	19.92
All grades.....	6,638	6,758			1,103	1,091	22.99	26.03
DENVER								
Prime.....	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Choice.....	1,198	1,847	72.7	59.2	1,125	1,132	24.41	27.51
Good.....	438	1,218	26.6	39.0	1,055	1,100	22.70	26.54
Standard.....	7	56	.4	1.8	1,009	1,031	17.00	21.00
Utility.....	5	--	.3	--	752	--	15.50	--
All grades.....	1,648	3,121			1,105	1,118	23.93	27.03

1/ Data collected by Agricultural Estimates, and Livestock Divisions, A.M.S.

WEEKLY SLAUGHTER UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION AT MAJOR CENTERS

City or Area	Cattle		Calves		Hogs		Sheep and lambs	
	Sept. 24	Sept. 26	Sept. 24	Sept. 26	Sept. 24	Sept. 26	Sept. 24	Sept. 26
	: 1960	: 1959	: 1960	: 1959	: 1960	: 1959	: 1960	: 1959
Boston, New York City Area...	8,934	14,864	9,321	12,130	48,873	53,579	29,137	33,172
Baltimore, Philadelphia.....	9,326	8,790	2,546	1,808	27,106	25,675	4,079	4,360
Cin., Cleve., Detroit, Indpls...	21,967	21,193	5,856	5,351	137,776	138,590	14,179	21,030
Chicago Area.....	18,616	19,088	7,872	7,129	26,335	36,233	5,266	7,400
St. Paul-Wisc. Areas.....	34,104	30,047	23,032	19,907	105,719	113,158	20,702	14,170
St. Louis Area.....	14,780	10,810	3,538	3,188	71,185	84,179	3,827	3,642
Sioux City-So. Dakota Area...	23,044	19,335	--	--	93,163	111,454	15,196	20,608
Omaha Area.....	41,624	37,522	274	180	74,296	99,002	15,729	15,116
Kansas City.....	17,338	18,448	--	--	29,103	53,864	--	--
Iowa - So. Minnesota.....	33,664	34,663	10,642	9,536	289,026	361,557	34,909	36,903
Lou'l. Evan'l. Nash'l. Mph's....	8,296	6,974	5,280	3,017	52,876	47,634	--	--
Georgia, Florida, Ala. Area..	9,626	4,933	6,854	1,152	23,943	17,277	--	--
St. Jo'ph. Wichita, Okla. City..	22,019	22,016	1,484	1,897	39,453	60,199	10,157	12,786
Ft. Worth, Dallas, San Antonio..	14,372	12,750	6,306	6,788	13,242	18,521	29,243	28,285
Denver, Ogden, Salt Lake City..	18,336	17,445	207	226	15,938	14,007	42,754	31,940
Los Angeles, San Fran. Areas.	29,374	26,175	1,654	994	27,310	33,134	37,232	31,272
Portland, Seattle, Spokane...	9,003	7,553	564	364	17,407	19,683	7,983	8,182
Total.....	334,423	312,606	85,430	73,667	1,092,751	1,287,746	270,393	268,866
Accumulation to date.....	11,548,301	10,494,983	2,553,111	2,416,839	41,638,782	41,733,052	9,167,246	8,654,620

ESTIMATED FEDERALLY INSPECTED SLAUGHTER AND MEAT PRODUCTION

Week ended	Beef		Veal		Pork (excl. lard)		Lamb and mutton		Total	Total
	Num-ber	Prod.	Num-ber	Prod.	Num-ber	Prod.	Num-ber	Prod.	meat prod.	lard prod.
	1,000	mil. lb.	1,000	mil. lb.	1,000	mil. lb.	1,000	mil. lb.	mil. lb.	mil. lb.
Sept. 24, 1960	405	234.1	115	13.6	1,255	171.1	295	13.6	432.4	--
Sept. 17, 1960	420	245.3	115	14.3	1,250	170.4	325	14.9	444.9	--
Sept. 3, 1960 1/	407	--	106	--	1,135	--	266	--	--	36.9
Sept. 26, 1959 1/	373	221.7	103	12.3	1,466	196.6	300	13.9	444.5	45.6

Percentage change from:

Sept. 17, 1960	-4	-5	0	-5	0	0	-9	-9	-3	--
Sept. 26, 1959	9	6	12	11	-14	-13	-2	-2	-3	--

Week ended	Average weight (lb.)								Lard yield per 100 lb.
	Cattle		Calves		Hogs <u>2/</u>		Sheep and lambs		
	Live	Dressed	Live	Dressed	Live	Dressed	Live	Dressed	
Sept. 24, 1960	1005	578	205	118	237	136	95	46	--
Sept. 17, 1960	1015	584	215	124	237	136	95	46	--
Sept. 3, 1960	1005	578	220	126	234	135	96	46	--
Sept. 26, 1959	1030	594	205	119	232	134	95	46	13.4

1/ Actual slaughter. 2/ Excludes lard.

CATTLE: WEEKLY AVERAGE OF DAILY QUOTATIONS
In dollars per 100 pounds

Classification	Chicago		Kansas City		Omaha		Denver		North Portland	
	Sept.	Sept.	Sept.	Sept.	Sept.	Sept.	Sept.	Sept.	Sept.	Sept.
	24	26	24	26	24	26	24	26	24	26
	1960	1959	1960	1959	1960	1959	1960	1959	1960	1959
<u>Slaughter cattle, calves and vealers</u>										
Steers -										
Prime 900-1100#	25.78	28.80	--	--	25.28	28.30	--	--	--	--
1100-1300	26.02	29.00	--	--	25.32	28.58	--	--	--	--
Choice 900-1100	24.80	27.58	24.38	27.50	23.92	27.08	24.50	27.48	25.62	28.25
1100-1300	24.78	27.38	24.12	27.38	23.95	27.22	24.32	27.48	--	27.62
Good 900-1100	22.95	25.90	22.18	25.22	21.98	25.05	20.95	24.72	24.12	27.00
Standard - All wts.	21.48	24.15	19.62	22.90	19.62	23.25	17.50	21.30	21.00	24.75
Heifers -										
Choice* 700-900#	23.60	--	23.12	26.40	23.30	26.10	23.88	26.18	23.25	--
Good** 600-800	--	24.70	21.22	24.65	21.10	24.10	20.78	24.02	22.25	26.25
Standard - All wts.	19.50	22.85	18.75	21.85	18.48	22.35	17.00	21.10	19.75	24.00
Cows - All weights -										
Commercial	15.50	18.05	15.92	18.75	16.10	18.48	--	18.58	17.50	19.25
Utility	15.12	16.85	14.70	17.18	15.22	17.32	15.58	17.78	15.75	17.25
Cutter	14.50)	15.28	13.58)	14.92	14.10)	15.20	13.75)	15.30	13.25)	13.75
Canner	12.55)		12.42)		13.18)		12.62)		11.25)	
Bulls - All weights -										
Commercial	18.10	22.50	16.25	20.75	17.00	22.12	--	21.75	--	21.75
Utility	18.75	21.65	17.48	20.75	17.12	21.62	18.35	22.25	19.25	22.50
Calves - 500# down -										
Choice	--	--	19.60	25.05	--	--	--	--	--	--
Good	--	--	17.75	23.55	--	--	--	--	21.50	26.50
Standard	--	--	16.00	21.45	--	--	--	--	19.50	23.50
Vealers - All wts. -										
Choice	24.50	--	22.00	29.25	21.50	27.50	--	--	26.25	31.00
Good	23.00	33.00	20.00	26.35	19.25	25.75	--	--	24.00	28.50
Standard	19.50	29.00	17.50	24.25	16.50	23.25	--	--	21.00	24.50
<u>Feeder and stocker cattle and calves</u>										
Steers -										
Choice 500-800#	25.50	31.15	24.38	29.25	25.12	30.50	24.50	28.00	23.00	27.00
Good 500-800	22.95	28.05	22.00	26.25	22.65	26.88	23.00	25.75	21.00	25.00
Medium 500-1000	20.25	24.75	19.50	23.00	19.50	24.50	19.50	23.00	19.00	22.25
Heifers -										
Choice 500-750#	--	--	22.75	26.50	23.05	28.00	22.12	25.62	21.50	25.00
Med. & Gd. 500-750	--	--	19.75	22.70	19.62	24.25	19.25	23.25	18.25	22.00
Cows - All wts. -										
Med. & Gd.	--	--	14.12	17.25	14.75	17.50	14.75	17.50	--	--
Calves - 300-500# -										
Steers -										
Good & Choice	--	--	25.50	31.70	26.00	35.50	25.00	33.00	23.50	29.00
Heifers -										
Good & Choice	--	--	22.50	29.50	24.25	32.75	22.50	30.50	21.00	27.50

*Weight range 600-800# in 1959.

** " " 700-900# " "

HOGS: WEEKLY AVERAGE OF DAILY QUOTATIONS

In dollars per 100 pounds

Classification	Chicago	Interior	St. Louis	Omaha	Indianapolis	St. Joseph	Kansas City	Peoria
Barrows and gilts -								
U. S. No. 1 & 2								
180-200#	16.66	13.82	17.10	16.20	14.01	16.65	14.00	16.48
200-220	17.01	14.04	17.11	16.92	14.28	17.00	14.20	16.80
220-240	17.01	14.02	17.11	16.92	14.08	17.02	14.16	16.86
U. S. No. 2 & 3								
200-220	16.82	13.84	16.88	16.55	13.96	16.55	13.78	16.58
220-240	16.80	13.87	16.88	16.55	13.95	16.55	13.83	16.64
240-270	16.73	13.84	16.81	16.45	13.82	16.50	13.81	16.60
U. S. No. 1, 2 & 3								
180-200	16.50	13.67	16.96	15.92	12.95	16.87	13.79	16.44
200-220	16.94	13.88	16.96	16.65	13.82	17.12	14.07	16.74
220-240	16.94	13.89	16.96	16.65	13.84	17.05	14.07	16.74
240-270	16.88	15.78	16.88	16.48	13.65	16.98	13.86	16.56
Sows - U.S. 1, 2 & 3								
270-330	12.72	14.93	15.02	15.52	12.62	15.12	13.02	15.25
330-400	15.02	11.95	14.38	11.80	12.00	14.55	12.08	14.52
400-550	13.78	10.88	13.11	10.88	11.48	13.98	11.25	13.80
Classification	South	Sioux City	Sioux Falls	Cincinnati	Fort Worth	Thomasville	Baltimore	North
Barrows and gilts -								
U. S. No. 1 & 2								
180-200#	16.48	13.25	16.44	13.36	--	17.22	14.45	18.19
200-220	17.08	13.78	16.84	13.74	--	17.22	14.45	18.22
220-240	17.08	13.78	16.84	13.74	--	17.22	14.45	--
U. S. No. 2 & 3								
200-220	16.62	13.32	16.71	13.68	16.41	14.77	16.62	13.90
220-240	16.62	13.35	16.67	13.68	16.41	14.34	16.62	13.90
240-270	16.62	13.35	16.62	13.62	16.22	14.03	16.02	13.30
U. S. No. 1, 2 & 3								
180-200	16.25	12.78	16.41	13.27	--	16.72	14.02	17.94
200-220	16.62	13.38	16.76	13.68	16.59	14.62	16.72	14.02
220-240	16.62	13.38	16.76	13.70	16.53	14.44	16.72	14.02
240-270	16.62	--	16.67	13.62	16.34	14.16	--	--
Sows - U.S. 1, 2 & 3								
270-330	15.15	12.30	15.62	12.92	14.53	13.44	13.55	10.48
330-400	14.32	11.58	14.95	12.12	14.78	12.05	14.42	11.82
400-550	13.45	10.55	13.98	11.02	13.95	10.72	13.81	12.25
Feeder pigs - All wts								
Good and Choice	15.45	11.50	14.97	--	--	--	--	--

HOGS: AVERAGE COST, WEIGHT, AND NUMBER OF PACKER AND SHIPPER PURCHASES 1/

Week ended	Chi- cago	St. Louis Natl. Stock Yards	Kan- sas City	Omaha	Sioux City	S. St. Joseph	S. St. Paul	Indian- apolis	8- mkts. com- bined
AVERAGE COST - Dollars per 100 pounds									
Barrows Sept. 24, 1960	16.68	16.88	16.61	16.56	16.66	16.57	16.46	17.01	16.69
and Sept. 17, 1960	16.25	16.28	16.16	16.29	16.23	16.18	15.99	16.48	16.24
gilts Sept. 26, 1959	13.87	13.90	14.03	13.74	13.67	13.86	13.25	14.00	13.76
Sept. 24, 1960	14.14	14.25	14.17	14.45	14.50	14.29	14.01	14.03	14.23
Sows Sept. 17, 1960	13.96	13.81	13.97	14.08	14.08	14.07	13.77	13.86	13.94
Sept. 26, 1959	11.43	11.59	12.13	11.88	11.64	12.36	11.08	11.61	11.57
AVERAGE WEIGHT - Pounds									
Barrows Sept. 24, 1960	226	216	223	228	227	223	223	223	223
and Sept. 17, 1960	229	216	225	227	227	223	222	223	223
gilts Sept. 26, 1959	222	212	220	222	225	216	220	220	219
Sept. 24, 1960	412	381	390	402	385	370	386	430	395
Sows Sept. 17, 1960	403	385	391	414	383	373	378	431	395
Sept. 26, 1959	405	388	381	374	398	359	388	403	389
NUMBER OF HEAD -									
Barrows Sept. 24, 1960	23612	43857	13099	25854	23027	18158	36844	29376	213827
and Sept. 17, 1960	25481	49542	14560	25868	22404	17200	33965	33884	222904
gilts Sept. 26, 1959	29180	59885	13974	35244	31478	22016	41923	34338	268038
Sept. 24, 1960	4076	3433	1020	5208	4527	2571	6739	3464	31038
Sows Sept. 17, 1960	4376	4212	1275	5402	4411	2467	6469	3473	32085
Sept. 26, 1959	5790	4843	1102	6241	4551	2200	8084	3098	35909
SOWS Percentage of total									
Sept. 24, 1960	15	7	7	17	16	12	15	11	13
Sept. 17, 1960	15	8	8	17	16	13	16	9	13
Sept. 26, 1959	17	7	7	15	13	9	16	8	12

1/ Weighted average.

WEEKLY AVERAGE WHOLESALE VALUE OF HOG PRODUCTS DERIVED FROM 100 LB. LIVE HOG, COMPARED WITH PRICES OF LIVE HOGS, CHICAGO

	Hog products 1/	Hog prices 2/	Gross spread or margin 3/
Sept. 24, 1960	\$18.90	\$16.94	\$1.96
Sept. 17, 1960	18.35	16.41	1.94
Sept. 26, 1959	16.25	13.88	2.37

1/ Value of all edible products, fresh basis (lard rendered) in 100 lb. of live hog computed from wholesale prices on carlot basis, Chicago, reported by National Provisioner daily market report.

2/ Mean of daily quotations on U. S. No. 1, 2 and 3 hogs, 200-220# wt. Chicago.

3/ Difference between wholesale product value and hog prices.

HOG AND CORN PRICES AT CHICAGO AND HOG-CORN PRICE RATIO

Week ended	Barrows and gilts 1/ Dollars per 100 pounds	Corn, 2/ No. 3, yellow Cents per bushel	Hog-corn price ratio based on barrows and gilts
Sept. 24, 1960	16.68	114.1	14.6
Sept. 17, 1960	16.25	117.4	13.8
Sept. 26, 1959	13.87	113.3	12.2

1/ Weighted average. 2/ Simple average.

SHEEP AND LAMBS: WEEKLY AVERAGE OF DAILY QUOTATIONS
In dollars per 100 pounds

Classification		Chicago	Omaha	Kansas City	Fort Worth	Denver	Ogden	North Port-land
SLAUGHTER LAMBS: (Spring) - All wts.								
Prime	Sept. 24, 1960	18.32	18.00	17.52	--	18.75	17.75	--
	Sept. 26, 1959	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Choice	Sept. 24, 1960	17.90	17.35	16.65	16.25	18.00	16.75	16.62
	Sept. 26, 1959	21.00	20.50	20.80	19.50	20.70	20.08	19.50
Good	Sept. 24, 1960	15.90	16.05	15.20	15.90	16.82	15.50	15.47
	Sept. 26, 1959	19.95	19.12	19.80	18.75	19.70	18.79	18.50
EWES: (Shorn) - All wts.								
Good and	Sept. 24, 1960	4.15	3.68	3.50	--	4.50	3.50	4.50
Choice	Sept. 26, 1959	4.70	4.88	4.75	--	--	5.00	4.25
Cull and	Sept. 24, 1960	4.00	3.85	2.50	5.08	3.25	2.25	3.25
Utility	Sept. 26, 1959	4.20	3.88	3.50	5.70	3.10	3.25	3.00
FEEDER LAMBS - All wts.								
Good and	Sept. 24, 1960	--	17.25	--	13.00	16.60	15.12	13.75
Choice	Sept. 26, 1959	--	19.25	--	15.90	18.85	17.92	15.50

UNITED STATES FEDERALLY INSPECTED SLAUGHTER BY REGIONS
AUGUST 1960 - WITH COMPARISONS (Thousand head)

Region	Cattle	Calves	Hogs	Sheep & Lambs
	1960	1959	1960	1959
N. Atlantic States	125	110	112	88
S. Atlantic States	49	34	51	31
N. C. States - Eastern ..	302	254	124	107
N. C. States - N. Western	583	483	44	35
N. C. States - S. Western	180	143	16	13
S. Central States	191	132	75	61
Mountain States	130	106	2	2
Pacific States	228	188	25	22
Total	1,787	1,450	450	359
	5,203	4,977	1,240	1,010

Other animals slaughtered under Federal inspection, (number of head): Aug. 1960 - Horses 4,317; Goats 8,818; Aug. 1959 - Horses 5,494; Goats 9,529.

1/ Not available for publication.

Data furnished by Agricultural Research Service.

WHOLESALE MEAT TRADE REVIEWS

LESS THAN CARLOT MEAT TRADE REVIEWS

EASTERN SEABOARD - Fully normal supplies of steer beef were ample for the current demand. Hindquarters were hardest to move in the beef division with few lots unsold, otherwise clearance complete. Normal supplies of veal, calf, spring lamb and pork met a generally good demand with fairly complete clearance. Most interests were active in the trade and fully normal tonnage absorbed by virtually all outlets. Best movement of meats at New York and Philadelphia occurred on sessions previous to close of business on Wednesday as majority wholesale establishments at these markets were closed thereafter for Jewish Holy Day observance.

Compared with previous week: Steer beef closed steady to \$1.00 lower, bulk at Philadelphia off 50¢ and full decline posted at Washington while declines of 50¢ in New York were confined to some Good grade carcasses. Cow beef sold steady to 50¢ higher; veal \$1.00-3.00 higher at Philadelphia, and steady to weak at New York, with calf fully \$1.00 lower at the latter market, otherwise prices unchanged. Spring lamb sold steady to \$2.00 lower with most sales at New York fully \$1.00 off. Pork loins were \$1.00-2.00 lower at Baltimore and steady to 50¢ lower at Washington, although prices advanced \$1.00 in Philadelphia and the trend at New York was steady to \$1.50 higher, the upturn limited to late closing sales. Other pork cuts were steady to \$2.00 higher in the Washington-Baltimore area while at other markets spareribs were mostly \$1.00 lower, Boston butts and fresh skinned hams steady to \$1.00 higher. Trading for kosher dressed meats was brisk on the opening session with demand broad. However, demand was poor Tuesday and Wednesday. Prices for kosher steer forequarters were steady to 50¢ higher; spring lamb \$1.00-2.00 up; veal and calf steady.

CHICAGO - Steer and heifer beef and spring lamb offerings were normal but supplies of fresh pork were only moderate. The veal supply was very moderate. Bulk of the beef supply was Good and Choice while Utility and Standard veal was most plentiful. Beef followed a lower trend the forepart of the week but the decline was more than recovered on late advances. Good steer carcasses was the only class failing to advance late. Chucks and ribs were active throughout, but action improved at midweek and these found a good outlet on the close. Loins were again slow but clearance was generally good. Outlet for spring lamb was rather narrow with hindsaddles finding the best demand. Good to Prime veal moved readily but lower grades were available in sufficient quantity to prompt a slow trade at lower price levels making for a two-way trend on this class. Spareribs were rather slow, but otherwise fresh pork trade became progressively more active during the week with pork loins registering substantial ad-

vances. Compared to the previous Friday: Steer and heifer beef sold steady to 50¢ higher but largely steady to strong; spring lamb steady to 50¢ lower; Good to Prime veal steady, lower grades \$1.00 lower. Pork loins and Boston butts 4-8# closed \$1.00-2.00 higher, spareribs 3# down steady to weak.

PACIFIC COAST - The supply of steer beef was rather liberal but clearance was generally complete. Volume of cow beef was moderate for fair demand. Choice veal was rather scarce, otherwise veal and calf was ample. Trading was moderately active for normal supplies of spring lamb, and fairly active for fresh and smoked pork. Steer beef closed steady to \$1.00 lower; cow beef steady; calf and veal unchanged at most points; spring lamb steady to \$1.00 lower except steady to \$1.00 higher at San Francisco. Pork loins sold steady to \$1.00 lower in California while Boston butts and fresh hams advanced \$1.00 at Los Angeles, otherwise fresh pork was steady; smoked pork mostly steady.

CARLOT MEAT TRADE REVIEWS

MIDWEST CARLOT DRESSED MEAT SUMMARY - Prices declined on steer and cow beef and spring lamb carcasses although part of the early declines were recovered late on steer beef. Prices advanced on pork as outlet exceeded below normal supplies. Clearance was generally complete on all classes. Steer beef closed steady to \$1.00 lower; heifer beef mostly 25¢ higher; cow beef steady to \$1.00 lower; Choice and Prime spring lamb very uneven averaging near steady. Pork loins and pork butts \$1.00-2.50 higher; fresh hams largely \$3.00-3.50 higher; pork sides mostly 20-70¢ higher.

Choice 600-700# steer carcasses closed at \$38.50-39.50, instances \$40.00; Choice 700-800# \$38.25-39.25; Good 600-700# \$36.75-37.75; Good 700-800# \$36.25-37.50. Choice 500-700# heifer beef \$37.50-38.25; Utility cow beef \$28.00-29.25. Choice and Prime 35-55# spring lamb brought \$37.00-39.50, mostly \$37.25-38.25. Pork loins 8-12# mainly \$45.50-46.00; pork butts 4-8# \$32.50-34.00; fresh hams 12-14# \$38.50-39.75, 14-16# \$36.00-38.50; U.S. 1, 2 and 3 135-155# pork carcasses \$23.80-25.20, 155-175# \$24.14-24.35.

CARLOT SUMMARY - Chicago, Denver, New York and Philadelphia. Bearish effects of the non-slaughtering Jewish Holidays influenced a very uneven trade at the close. However, demand for non-kosher meats improved as the week progressed. Steer and heifer beef closed steady to \$1.00 lower, except steady to 50¢ higher at Chicago. Cow beef closed weak to \$1.00 lower, mostly 50¢-\$1.00 off; spring lamb steady to 50¢ lower, with New York 50¢-\$1.00 off. Pork loins sold \$1.00-2.00 higher.

WHOLESALE DRESSED MEAT PRICES - LESS THAN CARLOT BASIS
Weekly average of daily quotations in dollars per 100 pounds

Classification		New York		Chicago		San Francisco		Los Angeles	
		Sept. 24	Sept. 26	Sept. 24	Sept. 26	Sept. 24	Sept. 26	Sept. 24	Sept. 26
		1960	1959	1960	1959	1960	1959	1960	1959
Steer beef -									
Prime	700-800#	43.50	51.60	--	--	--	--	--	--
Choice	600-700	42.50	47.90	42.62	44.75	41.12	45.00	40.09	44.69
	700-800	42.25	47.40	40.25	44.20	39.85	43.50	38.62	43.25
Good	500-600	41.10	45.90	40.50	43.10	39.50	44.50	38.38	43.94
	600-700	41.05	45.90	40.50	43.10	38.00	43.00	36.88	42.38
Heifer beef -									
Choice	500-600#	--	--	40.62	--	41.50	--	39.81	--
	600-700	--	--	40.62	--	39.00	--	38.44	--
Good	500-600	--	--	38.87	--	--	--	36.75	--
Veal -									
Prime	90-120#	54.00	63.60	52.50	56.00	--	--	--	--
Choice	90-120	49.00	53.60	49.50	51.00	--	--	--	--
Good	90-120	43.00	50.10	46.00	48.31	51.00	55.00	--	--
Spring lamb -									
Prime	45-55#	43.50	49.90	42.37	--	40.00	--	40.88	45.00
Choice	45-55	42.80	48.35	42.37	47.35	40.00	42.00	40.88	45.00
Fresh pork -									
Loins	8-12#	52.00	49.30	47.69	45.50	54.50	53.00	49.50	47.50
Butts	4-8	37.50	36.60	37.37	33.00	43.00	41.00	39.62	37.50
Spareribs	3# down	44.70	47.00	39.81	42.62	49.00	52.00	42.00	46.50
Cured pork -									
Hams, smk. skd. -(Cook before eating)	12-16#	43.00	44.50	47.37	46.50	47.50	48.00	45.00	45.00
Bacon, smoked, sliced - 1# package (box lots)		47.50	41.50	51.25	44.50	53.00	50.00	52.00	47.25
Picnics, smoked - (Cook before eating)	4-8#	32.50	33.00	34.50	34.50	31.50	34.00	31.00	--
Lard, 1# carton		14.75	13.75	14.00	12.50	17.00	14.50	15.50	14.00

BULK PRICES - CARLOT BASIS - WEEK ENDED SEPT. 23, 1960

Classification		Prices paid F.O.B.			Prices delivered	
		Chicago	Denver	Omaha	New York	Philadelphia
Steer beef -						
Choice	600-700#	39.50-40.00	38.00-40.50	38.25-38.75	41.00-41.75	40.50-41.50
	700-800	39.00-39.50	37.50-38.00	38.25	40.50-41.00	40.00-41.00
	800-900	38.00-38.50	36.50-37.00	37.25-37.50	39.50-40.00	39.00-39.50
Good	500-600	37.50-38.00	--	--	39.50-40.00	--
	600-700	37.00-37.50	--	36.75-37.75	39.50-40.00	38.50-39.50
	700-800	37.00-37.50	--	36.25-37.25	38.50-40.00	38.50-39.50
Heifer beef -						
Choice	500-600#	38.00-38.50	40.00	37.25-37.50	--	--
	600-700	38.00-38.50	37.50-38.00	37.25-37.50	--	39.50-40.50
Good	500-600	36.00-36.50	--	35.25-35.50	--	--
	600-700	36.00-36.50	--	35.25-35.50	--	--
Cow beef - All weights -						
Utility		28.00-28.50	28.00-30.00	28.50	--	29.50-31.50
Canner and Cutter		27.50-28.50	--	28.00	--	29.00-30.00
Spring lamb -						
Prime	30-45#	39.00-39.50	36.75-38.00	37.75-38.75	40.50-42.00	40.00-40.50
	45-55	39.00-39.50	36.75-38.00	37.75-38.75	40.00-41.50	40.00-40.50
	55-65	39.00-39.50	36.75-38.00	--	40.00-41.00	--
Choice	30-45	39.00-39.50	36.75-38.00	37.75-38.75	40.50-42.00	40.00-40.50
	45-55	39.00-39.50	36.75-38.00	37.75-38.75	40.00-41.50	40.00-40.50
	55-65	39.00-39.50	36.75-38.00	--	40.00-41.00	--
Fresh pork -						
Loins	8-12#	46.00-47.00	--	45.50-46.00	--	46.50-47.00

BOSTON WOOL MARKET REVIEW

Trading for greasy domestic worsted wools was slow at the Boston market. Not enough grease wool was sold to test prices. A small quantity of graded fine wool and medium fleeces was sold. There was a fair demand for woolen wools. Demand was good for clear fine noils at firm prices. One or two topmakers were active in the western States buying up mostly fine wool during the previous week. Trading in Texas was slow, and only few sales were made in the fleece wool States.

Midweek cables from Australia showed Japan and the Continent dominating with animated competition and prices tending upward. A good selection of topmaking merino wools were offered. Quotations from South Africa showed a stronger trend with large French houses operating. There was a fair demand for coarse Buenos Aires carpet wools. Little was done in Montevideo at unchanged prices.

Fleece Wools - There was a slight demand for 3/8s and 1/4 blood fleece wools but not enough sold for a price test.

Territory Wools - Graded 64s good French combing and staple territory wool sold around \$1.13-1.14 clean basis. Graded 64s staple Wyoming and Montana wool brought \$1.15 delivered Boston while bulk fine and half-blood Wyoming wools in original bags brought \$1.05-1.08 clean basis delivered. Approximately 2,500,000 to 2,750,000# of original bag bulk fine wool was offered at sealed bid sale at Albuquerque and approximately one-third of this was sold. Bulk fine good French combing and staple wool brought mostly \$1.05-1.10 clean basis, delivered.

Texas Wools - Prices in Texas were slightly stronger with good 12 months wool selling from \$1.12-1.14 while choice Delaine type wool in original bags brought around \$1.18 clean basis delivered Boston.

Mohair - Original bag mohair sold in Texas at 71½¢ for adult and \$1.01½-1.06½ for kid hair to the warehouse while straight kid mohair moved at \$1.40-1.50 to the warehouses. Trade in the Boston market was slow.

Foreign Wools - Trading for spot foreign wools was practically at a standstill. Cabled quotations at week's end follow with combing wools converted to clean U. S. oil-combed yields and short wools to scouring yields, in bond.

Australia Oil-combed

78 -	\$1.03	432B -	\$.97
78A -	1.00	433B -	.92
79 -	.98	434B -	.88
		435B -	.84

South Africa

Oil-combed		Scoured Yields	
7 -	\$1.03	17 -	\$.99
8 -	.99	22 -	.97
47 -	.99	27 -	.95
48 -	.95	28 -	.93
52 -	.95	32 -	.89
53 -	.92	33 -	.87

Montevideo

Super Skirted

60/64s	-	90-91¢
60s	-	88¢
58/56s	-	85¢
56/50s	-	83¢
50s	-	80-81¢

Carpet Wools - The carpet wool market was very slow with prices unchanged. November second clips were offered for October-November shipment at 72¢ and fleeces 73-74¢ clean fibers present while greasy New Zealand carpet fleeces were offered at 76¢, early shorn wool at 75¢ and crutchings at 70¢, all clean fibers present for shipment.

Woolen Wools - Sales follow:

Scoured Pulled Domestic

64s	2½-3" tinged	\$1.20
64s	1-2" white	1.10
60/58s	3-4" white	1.06
58/56s	lambs 1-2" seedy	
	good color	.87
50s	2-3" white	1.00

Greasy Pulled Domestic (Clean Basis)

50s	2-3" choice	\$1.05
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Scoured Pulled Foreign

N. Z.	56/58s 2-3" white	\$1.20
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Scoured Shorn Foreign

Aust.	64/70s ave. 2½" white	\$1.23
Aust.	60/64s 1½-2½" white fleece	1.16

Noils

Choice 64s	Cape nobles	\$.93
Clear 64s	schlumbergers	.69
Ave. to Good 64s	"	.64
Semi-clear 62s	Brad. nobles	.85
Ave. style 62s	Brad. nobles	.78

CLOSING FUTURES QUOTATIONS - Sept. 22, 1960
(Furnished by the Wool Assoc. of the N. Y. Cotton Exchange)

Oct. wool tops	\$1.452	Oct. wool	\$1.083
Dec. wool tops	1.447	Dec. wool	1.109
64s grade - 2.55"		64s grade - 2½" ave.	
minimum length		stretched length	

PERCENTAGE DISTRIBUTION BY GRADES OF STEERS SOLD FOR SLAUGHTER AT CHICAGO, 1953-60

PRIME

Year	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Average
1953 ...	5.0	5.5	8.3	9.4	8.7	12.2	17.4	18.6	21.7	22.0	21.5	16.1	14.1
1954 ...	11.8	6.9	4.8	4.2	4.9	8.2	11.2	15.3	21.4	21.7	30.5	18.9	13.6
1955 ...	10.2	4.1	1.7	3.0	3.8	7.4	19.3	29.3	25.8	23.9	29.0	28.4	16.5
1956 ...	24.5	17.0	8.8	5.5	4.2	9.4	16.2	18.5	19.7	18.1	15.9	12.4	14.2
1957 ...	10.9	11.0	9.8	9.6	7.8	7.8	8.5	11.9	14.0	13.3	16.0	16.0	11.3
1958 ...	12.8	7.1	3.3	4.8	4.2	4.6	7.4	7.8	11.7	15.3	16.4	15.6	9.5
1959 ...	10.8	10.2	5.2	3.8	2.5	2.9	7.3	9.5	11.5	9.9	9.4	9.8	7.8
1960 ...	10.8	11.5	8.6	7.5	3.6	4.2	5.0	8.2					

CHOICE

1953 ...	49.2	51.8	54.4	58.5	55.5	65.7	64.1	61.0	58.5	59.0	58.4	51.3	57.7
1954 ...	52.7	54.6	56.4	59.2	64.9	68.0	61.0	58.1	59.3	61.0	53.5	57.1	59.0
1955 ...	55.5	50.6	55.4	58.3	59.9	66.7	55.0	48.2	55.1	58.1	54.4	54.1	56.0
1956 ...	51.7	56.4	56.0	58.2	61.6	67.7	62.7	61.3	62.1	62.2	57.5	59.4	59.7
1957 ...	60.0	57.0	52.6	62.9	58.3	53.3	63.5	67.8	64.9	64.6	62.7	57.9	60.5
1958 ...	52.1	49.8	46.0	60.4	62.2	64.6	63.3	68.8	71.2	71.4	71.4	59.7	62.4
1959 ...	57.1	55.4	47.0	47.0	60.0	69.6	63.1	64.4	64.7	71.7	67.6	66.3	61.6
1960 ...	64.1	61.7	52.5	56.6	59.9	68.6	70.1	63.8					

GOOD

1953 ...	29.0	29.6	21.3	19.4	25.4	17.1	13.5	15.2	14.8	14.9	15.9	24.2	19.6
1954 ...	25.6	28.8	30.2	29.1	23.2	20.2	24.3	24.4	17.3	14.5	13.9	20.8	22.4
1955 ...	28.9	37.2	34.3	30.0	29.0	23.0	23.3	20.5	17.2	15.9	12.9	13.9	23.0
1956 ...	21.3	21.5	28.7	30.2	30.8	20.1	18.7	17.0	14.5	16.0	23.1	25.6	22.3
1957 ...	24.6	26.4	32.2	24.3	31.9	36.9	24.4	17.5	18.5	20.1	19.4	23.3	25.0
1958 ...	30.8	37.5	40.6	29.0	29.9	27.9	25.8	19.6	15.1	11.7	10.9	22.2	24.4
1959 ...	25.3	26.6	38.9	42.5	33.6	23.3	26.2	23.6	21.5	16.0	19.7	19.2	26.0
1960 ...	20.6	22.1	33.8	30.3	32.8	23.9	21.9	24.9					

MEAT AND MEAT FOOD PRODUCTS PREPARED AND PROCESSED
UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION

Product	Week ended -				
	Aug.	Aug.	Aug.	Aug.	Sept.
	6	13	20	27	3
	1960	1960	1960	1960	1960
	1,000#	1,000#	1,000#	1,000#	1,000#
Placed in cure -					
Beef 1/	2,895	2,975	3,247	2,919	2,952
Pork 1/	60,699	65,777	70,517	68,120	69,313
Other 1/	55	46	574	113	61
Smoked and / or dried -					
Beef 1/	819	899	941	953	765
Pork 1/	45,918	47,841	50,635	54,041	54,979
Cooked meat -					
Beef	1,811	1,761	1,789	1,645	1,802
Pork	4,736	5,246	5,881	6,414	5,320
Other	29	68	47	46	53
Sausage -					
Fresh finished	3,547	3,866	4,135	4,049	4,673
To be dried or semi-dried	2,740	2,805	2,907	2,788	2,895
Franks, wieners	15,280	14,645	14,596	15,319	16,676
Other, smoked or cooked .	13,725	13,975	14,155	13,406	14,957
Loaf, head cheese, chili, jellied products	4,225	4,329	4,026	4,031	4,154
Steaks, chops, roasts . . .	11,524	11,537	11,780	11,855	12,192
Meat extract	30	15	227	311	59
Sliced bacon 1/	20,485	20,835	21,779	21,753	23,655
Sliced, other 1/ 2/	6,715	6,541	6,385	6,339	6,710
Hamburger	4,022	4,091	4,278	3,941	5,081
Miscellaneous meat product.	3,076	3,972	4,152	3,978	3,956
Lard, rendered	32,730	34,984	35,375	38,071	34,876
Lard, refined	24,222	24,999	24,930	25,276	24,070
Oleo stock	1,112	1,420	1,110	879	1,108
Edible tallow	6,954	7,429	7,725	7,881	9,335
Rendered pork fat -					
Rendered	1,481	1,621	1,555	1,577	2,030
Refined	783	750	764	818	773
Compound cont'g animal fat	14,561	14,566	14,238	13,898	15,296
Oleomargarine " " " 1,834	1,834	1,664	1,535	1,701	1,973
Canned product (for civilian use and Dept. of Defense).	39,470	39,330	37,582	32,005	32,383
Total 1/	325,477	337,987	346,867	344,127	352,100

1/ This figure represents "inspection pounds" as some of the products may have been inspected and recorded more than once due to having been subjected to more than one distinct processing treatment, such as curing first, then smoking, slicing.

2/ Includes sliced dried beef, sliced sausage, loaves, etc.

Meat Inspection Branch, Agricultural Research Service.

MEAT AND MEAT FOOD PRODUCTS PREPARED AND PROCESSED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION - CONTINUED

Product	Week ended - 1960									
	Aug. 6 : 3 lb. : : or over : 1,000#	Aug. 13 : 3 lb. : : or over : 1,000#	Aug. 20 : 3 lb. : : or over : 1,000#	Aug. 27 : 3 lb. : : or over : 1,000#	Sept. 3 : 3 lb. : : or over : 1,000#	Sept. 10 : 3 lb. : : or over : 1,000#	Sept. 17 : 3 lb. : : or over : 1,000#	Sept. 24 : 3 lb. : : or over : 1,000#	Sept. 31 : 3 lb. : : or over : 1,000#	Sept. 31 : 3 lb. : : or over : 1,000#
Canned product (For civilian use only)										
Luncheon meat	2,681	2,080	2,739	2,534	2,948	2,168	2,550	2,165	3,213	2,416
Canned hams	4,708	103	4,700	97	4,641	106	3,750	78	5,231	120
Corned beef hash	49	623	54	1,104	107	1,273	79	697	19	762
Chili con carne	183	3,514	220	2,929	309	3,530	124	2,670	266	3,068
Viennas	69	1,116	101	1,005	86	1,017	71	1,041	63	1,041
Franks, wieners in brine	---	10	---	7	---	214	---	10	1	9
Deviled ham.	---	260	---	208	---	207	---	238	---	264
Other potted or deviled meat food products.	---	373	6	368	---	531	---	646	---	420
Tamales	5	672	46	767	257	836	27	827	9	997
Sliced dried beef	6	48	5	64	8	52	2	52	2	53
Chopped beef	---	151	---	129	---	142	---	114	---	172
Meat stew (all products)	11	2,243	17	2,204	263	2,205	69	2,578	35	937
Spaghetti meat products	55	1,661	63	1,182	47	1,312	---	2,885	67	2,439
Tongue (other than pickled).	11	9	12	6	6	7	5	8	8	5
Vinegar pickled products	184	320	149	336	192	369	135	337	211	346
Bulk sausage	---	66	---	92	---	83	---	123	---	119
Hamburger, rstcd. or corned beef, meat & gravy	218	480	247	514	167	563	200	488	255	496
Soups	317	6,043	358	4,269	800	4,853	216	1,309	301	1,816
Sausage in oil	97	62	129	50	85	82	120	63	142	63
Tripe	---	107	---	75	---	66	---	65	---	107
Brains	---	47	---	45	---	46	---	40	---	31
Canned loins and picnics	---	36	---	583	494	16	---	19	---	56
All other with meat and/or meat byproducts -	491		529							
20% or more	510	1,909	133	960	183	622	212	776	166	838
Less than 20%	220	3,963	175	6,913	220	5,852	312	4,548	183	4,716
Total	9,814	25,895	9,683	26,440	10,812	26,152	8,682	21,779	10,680	21,290

Note: See footnote at bottom of page 728.

COLD STORAGE HOLDINGS OF MEATS AND LARD, AUGUST 31, 1960

Warehouse holdings of red meats declined 76 million pounds during August to total 456 million on September 1. These stocks were 6 percent above holdings on September 1, 1959 and 21 percent above average. Beef stocks increased 5 million pounds during August. Holdings on September 1, totaled 151 million pounds. Although 7 percent under a year earlier, these stocks were 21 percent above average. A net reduction in pork stocks of 75 million pounds during August, compares with 65 million during the same period in 1959, and 66 million the average. National holdings of pork totaled 219 million pounds on September 1. These stocks were 19 percent above holdings of that date last year and 21 percent above average. All frozen pork items were reduced during August. Frozen picnics at 9 million pounds were down 43 percent; frozen hams at 48 million were down 33 percent; and frozen bellies at 46 million were down 40 percent.

UNITED STATES STORAGE HOLDINGS OF MEATS AND LARD, AUGUST 31, 1960 WITH COMPARISONS
(Includes holdings in public, private and semi-private
cold storage houses and meat packing plants)

Commodity	August 1955-59 Av.	August 1959	July 1960	August 1960
	1,000 lb.	1,000 lb.	1,000 lb.	1,000 lb.
Beef:				
Frozen	114,712	152,461	135,454	140,753
In cure and cured	9,806	10,374	10,126	10,122
Total	124,518	162,835	145,580	150,875
Pork, frozen:				
Picnics	1/	5,491	15,525	8,816
Hams	1/	16,145	71,813	47,930
Bellies	1/	38,768	75,580	45,535
Other frozen pork cuts	1/	79,521	90,104	77,613
Total	122,965	139,925	253,022	179,894
Pork in cure or cured:				
Dry salt bellies	1/	7,477	6,960	5,664
Other dry salt pork	1/	6,547	6,000	5,481
Other pork cuts	1/	29,796	28,260	27,757
Total	57,462	43,820	41,220	38,902
Total pork	180,427	183,745	294,242	218,796
Other meats and meat products:				
Veal, frozen	9,167	7,981	7,742	7,797
Lamb and mutton, frozen	9,701	14,605	13,178	13,805
Canned meats in cooler	52,279	62,978	71,631	65,150
Total all meats	376,092	432,144	532,373	456,423
Lard, rendered and refined 2/	92,959	100,300	128,900	4/
GOVERNMENT HOLDINGS 3/ -				
Pork	6,408	4,700	3,097	1,852
Beef	4,587	1,853	2,693	1,984

1/ Not reported separately prior to 1957. 2/ In dry and cold storage as reported by Bureau of Census. 3/ Government holdings are included in the totals and consist of reported stocks held by U.S.D.A., the Armed Services and other Government agencies. 4/ Not available.

SHIPMENTS OF STOCKER AND FEEDER CATTLE AND SHEEP, AUGUST 1960

Stocker and feeder cattle and calves shipped into 8 selected North Central States during August totaled 387,695 head, down 12 percent from the 442,121 head shipped in August 1959. Of the total cattle and calves received in these States during the month, 171,266 head moved through public stockyards and 216,429 head were received direct. The combined July and August shipments this year totaled 636,745 head, compared with 770,054 head for the same period in 1959--17 percent lower.

Shipments of stocker and feeder sheep and lambs into these 8 North Central States in August amounted to 473,867 head, compared with 428,779 head during August a year earlier--an 11 percent increase. Of the total received during August, 125,241 head came through public stockyards and 348,626 head moved direct. The direct movement was 74 percent of the total this August compared with 73 percent a year earlier. During July and August this year, 663,958 head of stocker and feeder sheep and lambs were shipped into these States, compared with 648,244 head for the same period last year.

Stocker and Feeder Cattle and Sheep Received in Selected North Central States
August 1960, with comparisons 1/

Cattle and calves

State	Public Stock		Direct		Total			
	yards							
	August		August		August		July-August	
	1959	1960	1959	1960	1959	1960	1959	1960
Ohio.....	11,080	6,783	1,236	1,426	12,316	8,209	18,509	13,854
Indiana.....	11,281	19,282	6,060	23,151	17,341	42,433	32,852	63,481
Illinois.....	39,099	37,272	44,952	47,316	84,051	84,588	148,091	134,914
Michigan.....	2,322	4,597	2,452	1,032	4,774	5,629	8,064	9,455
Minnesota....	12,832	11,989	27,083	23,513	39,915	35,502	72,414	63,131
Iowa.....	87,556	59,718	115,952	72,912	203,508	132,630	344,385	214,316
South Dakota..	7,032	5,628	4,616	4,750	11,648	10,378	24,173	25,201
Nebraska.....	30,943	25,997	37,625	42,329	68,568	68,326	121,566	112,393
Total	202,145		239,976		442,121		770,054	
8 States		171,266		216,429		387,695		636,745

Sheep and Lambs

Ohio.....	3,949	3,262	1,493	8,619	5,442	11,881	10,861	13,957
Indiana.....	4,287	3,290	11,017	7,444	15,304	10,734	24,312	16,063
Illinois.....	16,378	22,042	55,837	58,119	72,215	80,161	105,686	95,276
Michigan.....	3,107	2,080	370	1,191	3,477	3,271	4,376	5,255
Minnesota....	11,438	12,775	21,738	26,626	33,176	39,401	49,092	64,307
Iowa.....	34,663	28,580	199,404	170,169	234,067	198,749	338,686	283,048
South Dakota:	13,532	10,813	9,093	11,943	22,625	22,756	47,670	48,016
Nebraska.....	28,284	42,399	14,189	64,515	42,473	106,914	67,561	138,036
Total	115,638		313,141		428,779		648,244	
8 States		125,241		318,626		473,867		663,958

1/ Data in this report are obtained from offices of State Veterinarians. Under "Public Stockyards" are included stockers and feeders which were bought at stockyards. Under "Direct" are included stockers and feeders from points other than public stockyards, some of which are inspected at public stockyards while stopping for feed, water, and rest en route.



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Number of Cattle and Calves from Canada and Mexico Passed for
Entry into the United States

August, 1960, with Comparisons

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Month	Canada		Mexico	
	1960	1959	1960	1959
	Head	Head	Head	Head
Jan.	13,338	21,878	34,510	65,349
Feb.	21,865	14,011	44,752	57,023
Mar.	34,946	21,090	42,063	39,769
Apr.	25,542	40,667	61,532	15,739
May	28,936	40,223	43,969	58,821
June	22,151	42,579	10,977	19,554
July	8,968	29,709	2,285	8,741
Aug.	7,135	17,387	3,698	15,107
Jan.-Aug.	162,881	227,544	243,786	280,103

Note: During Jan.-Aug. this year 1,116 sheep and 13,572 hogs were received from Canada compared with 10,023 sheep and 3,448 hogs a year ago.